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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Board of Trustees Operating)
Michigan State University et al.)
International (11.02.99))
Filing Date: 11 February 1999)
International)
Application No: PCT/US99/02897)
For: MICRO-FASTENING SYSTEM)
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE)

REPLY TO WRITTEN OPINION
AND ARTICLE 34 AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
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In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A microfastening system comprising:
a first fastening element including a plurality of extending nanotubes; and
a second fastening element including a plurality of extending nanotubes;
whereby upon joining said first and second fastening elements, the extending
nanotubes from each element become mechanically interconnected without requiring
the degradation of said nanotubes.

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9. (Amended) A microfastener comprising:
a substrate including an attachment surface; and